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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/03/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/27/02
BRO-FRY	162,779	163,785
LT HENS	1,780	2,004
HVY HENS	1,615	1,577

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 27-Jul-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	302	33	335
LAST WEEK	236	79	315
SAME WK YR AGO	403	8	411
TO DATE 2002	9,407	181	9,588
TO DATE 2001	13,943	204	14,147

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,131	1,569	3,700
LAST WEEK	1,825	1,655	3,480
SAME WK YR AGO	2,093	1,455	3,548
TO DATE 2002	62,535	40,681	103,216
TO DATE 2001	67,216	41,078	108,294

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 27-Jul-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,236 (A)	1,829	1,536	3,365
AVG WT	5.07	3.82	8.17	5.81
LAST WEEK	159,974	1,589	1,576	3,165
SAME WEEK YR AGO	158,124	1,690	1,447	3,137
AVG WT	4.79	3.49	8.03	5.59
TO-DATE/2002	4,636,785	53,128	40,500	93,628
TO-DATE/2001	4,585,198	53,273	40,874	94,147

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.2 million head or -0.2 million head less than or 100% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING July 20, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	28,168	26,555	39,192
AVG WEIGHT	3.85	4.75	6.14
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	28%	42%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	26,164	17,826	44,724
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.81	6.28
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	20%	50%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	32,098	43,260	36,180
AVG WEIGHT	3.71	4.60	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	39%	32%
TO DATE/2002	829,281	696,845	1,331,701
TO DATE/2001	947,153	778,570	1,290,713

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Jul-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,928	3,182	53	3	5,166
AVG WT	16.02	35.16	23.79	30.85	27.90
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,109	2,820	34	4	4,967
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,166	2,826	50	13	5,055
AVG WT	15.61	33.68	23.21	24.80	25.82
TO-DATE/2002	54,417	80,590	1,417	235	136,659
TO-DATE/2001	59,903	80,174	1,179	361	141,617

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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